



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**School of Arts & Science**  
**Department of Psychology**

**PSYC 203 (001)**  
**Social Psychology**  
**Winter 2021**

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

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The course description is available on the web @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/psyc.html>

Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.

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### **1. Instructor Information**

(a) Instructor	Cate Pelling
(b) Office hours	Tuesday 10:30-11:30 am; Wednesday 5:30-6:20 pm; Thursday 1:30-2:20 pm or by appointment in the course Collaborate room
(c) Location	Fisher 308B
(d) Phone	250 370-3308
(e) E-mail	PELLINGC@CAMOSUN.CA

### **2. Intended Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Explain the basic concepts, principles, and terminology used in social psychology.
2. Analyze real life situations using the concepts of social psychology.
3. Communicate the concepts of social psychology effectively in both oral and written modes.
4. Demonstrate understanding of basic social psychology library research, including using APA format in writing papers.

### **3. Required Materials**

Social Psychology 11th Edition, (Kassin, Fein & Markus) 2021. *It is recommended that you get the text with the MindTap program.*

D2L content

#### 4. Course Content and Schedule

This course focuses on the way in which people's thoughts, feelings and behaviors are influenced by the presence of other people. It may include such topics as attitude change, propaganda, prejudice, cults, conformity, obedience, group influence, altruism, aggression, love, and attribution theory.

*See Course Schedule at the end of the syllabus for more detail.*

#### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

**Tests** three tests (20%, 25%, 30%) **75%**

There will be three, non-cumulative tests. The tests will be composed of multiple choice, matching, T/F, short answer and long answer questions. The third test will be scheduled during the exam period.

*Tests must be written as scheduled. As per Camosun College policy, make-up tests will only be allowed with proper documentation. You must contact the instructor within five days of missing a test. The instructor will determine the alternate exam date and time.*

**Research Project and Application Paper** **20%**

##### **Research Project** (10%)

Students will use course content to design a research study that could be conducted in the field of social psychology. Students will need to provide a write-up that includes: a literature review, hypothesis, method, anticipated results, discussion, limitations, and possible directions for future research.

##### **Application Paper** (10%)

Students will analyze a real life situation using the concepts of social psychology. Details will be provided in class and posted on D2L

**Participation** **5%**

Participation includes behavior that demonstrates a commitment to the course. This includes: being prepared for the course each week with attendance and contributions to the discussion board, being mindful of others and demonstrating respect for the learning environment, effective communication skills

## 6. Grading System

### Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

## 7. Recommended Materials to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

### LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services, or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a **Student Conduct Policy which includes plagiarism**. The policy outlines the rights and responsibilities of students. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

<b>College Policies</b>	Camosun has policies on grading, academic offences, resolution procedures, and consequent sanctions. Please familiarize yourself with these policies (see 2017-2018 College calendar)
<b>Attendance, assignments (i.e. papers) and exams</b>	<p>Attendance is important because it keeps you in contact with the course materials and any changes that may occur throughout the semester.</p> <p>A missed exam or assignment will result in a mark of zero. Unfortunately, make-up exams will not be offered unless there is a serious medical or compassionate reason that you would like considered. Contact the instructor <b>before</b> the test or due date.</p> <p>Time management issues and competing priorities are NOT sufficient reasons. Documentation to support your claim is <b>always</b> required (i.e. physician's note explaining why you could not attend the exam).</p> <p>A reduction in assignment/exam grade may also apply, depending on the situation. The instructor will determine the alternate exam date/time as required.</p>

## 8. College Supports, Services and Policies



### Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @ <http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

### College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT SERVICES** link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

### College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence, Student Ancillary Fees, Academic Integrity, Grade Review & Appeals, Student Misconduct and Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and Student Penalties and Fines

## COURSE SCHEDULE

<b>Class</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Jan 11-17	What is Social Psychology	Chapter 1	
Jan 18-24	Social Psychology Research	Chapter 2	
Jan 25-31	The Social Self	Chapter 3	
Feb 1-7	Perceiving Persons	Chapter 4	Test #1
Feb 8-14	Attitudes	Chapter 6	
Feb 15-21	<b><i>Family Day/Reading Week</i></b>		
Feb 22-28	Conformity	Chapter 7	<b>PROJECT DUE</b>
Mar 1-7	Group Processes	Chapter 8	
Mar 8-14	Stereotypes, Prejudice & Discrimination	Chapter 5	Test #2
Mar 15-21	Aggression	Chapter 11	
Mar 22-28	Helping Others	Chapter 10	
Mar 29-Apr 4	Attraction	Chapter 9	
Apr 5-11	Applying Social Psychology: Law	Chapter 12	
Apr 12-17	Review		<b>PAPER DUE</b>
	<b>Test #3</b> (chapters 5, 9-12)	<b><i>Scheduled during the final exam period</i></b>	

***Important dates and assignment marks are posted weekly on D2L.***